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**Amendment and Response to Office Action**

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Sir:

The present Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2008 ("Office Action").

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Likewise, a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 is hereby authorized for any fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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